GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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EQUITY IN PETRONET LNG
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a French company has offered to invest 20 million dollars to pick up a 10 percent equity in Petronet LNG Limited a consortium of India`s leading public sector undertakings for development of liquefied natural gas import and storage terminals;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the broad features of its operation in India;

(c) whether any agreement has been signed with the said firm; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. M/s Gaz de France International, a national company of France, which isimporting an Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) in Europe and operating LNG terminals for a long period, has obtained the approval of Foreign Investment Public Board (FIPB) fo equity participation upto 50% in the paid up share capital of Petronet LNG Ltd. (PLL), a joint venture promoted by Indian Oi Corporation, Gas Authority of India Ltd., Oil & Natural Gas Corporation and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. for developing importation and transportation projects of LNG at Dahej (Gujarat) and Kochi (Kerala).GDF has invested a sum of US$38 million approximately acquiring 10% equity share in PLL and signed an agreement in this behalf with the promoter oil companies of PLL on June 02, 2001 to undertake various activities for establishment of LNG terminals with re-gasification facilities of 5.0 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) capacity at Dahej and 2.5 MTPA capacity at Kochi.